

Second Chance!

animal rescue society



Second Chance Animal Rescue Society Members' Newsletter—Fall 2013

Summer 2013 Spay and Neuter Clinics

SCARS was very pleased to accept dozens of surrendered pets over the course of the summer from the Alberta Spay and Neuter Task Force clinics held this year at the communities of Wabasca, Saddle Lake and Hobbema. Owned pets can be surrendered by families and stray pets are rounded up by volunteers and surrendered by appointed representatives of the community. The goal is to improve the well being of owned pets and to remove unwanted pets through rehoming. Many of our supporters, and supporters of other rescue groups, enjoy serving as ASNTF volunteers filling a variety of roles at the weekend clinics that go from Friday to Sunday.



These clinics make a huge impact on the health and wellness of these communities. Zylar is an example of the type of surrendered dog that SCARS intakes from these clinics. Zylar was starving and hunger drove him to get into trouble with a porcupine. His face, including his right eye, was punctured with quills. He was caught through the combined efforts of ASNTF volunteers and the Alberta SPCA, and then turned over to SCARS. He underwent a 3-hour surgery to remove hundreds of quills but unfortunately his eye was too damaged to be saved. He was brought into care on October 5, 2013 and the recovery process will be slow. There could still be broken quills lodged beneath his skin, but the worst

should be over. He is shy and calm and appreciates his new surroundings. His new name for a new beginning means strong, brave one in battle. Fitting for the journey he has faced.

During these clinics, it is typical for dozens of puppies and kittens to be surrendered. Often they are malnourished and suffering from parasite infections. Thankfully with proper nutrition and simple medical treatments, they recover fully and later appear on our website as adoptable pets. For some dogs help comes a bit too late but it's better than no help at all. Chimoux had a severe leg break that had been left unattended too long. A leg that could have been saved will now need to be amputated. The good news is we expect him to fully recover.



Volunteer Karen Sokolik prepares to drive some dogs from Hobbema to SCARS foster homes in Edmonton



Marlo



Hunter



Arsen



Chimoux came to SCARS with a badly broken leg

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Grosvenor Dog Swim in St. Albert

Thank to the Grosvenor pool in St. Albert for hosting their second annual dog swim for SCARS on September 2, 2013. In all 215 dogs got to enjoy the pool and we raised just over \$1,700. As well, the vehicles of two SCARS volunteers were filled with donated crates, blankets, pet food and lots of other supplies. Starting at 5 p.m. the pool was closed for people and opened for their dogs. The City of St. Albert worked with Alberta Health Services to comply with all safety standards in order to hold this unique event. Admission was a cash or pet supply donation to SCARS. We are looking forward an even bigger and better event next fall. Thank you to Scott Hayes of the St. Albert Gazette for covering the event and to SCARS volunteer photographer, Julie Coombs, for taking the photos included with this story.



Napa Auto Parts Side-by-side Donation

SCARS is incredibly grateful to Paula Bissell and Shawn Molloy of NAPA Auto Parts Wabasca for the amazingly generous donation of a side-by-side in August 2013. This much needed vehicle will be used to exercise dogs, and move equipment and food. This couple donates significantly to SCARS on a regular basis and they are front line volunteers for the rescue work SCARS does in the area of Wabasca-Desmarais in the Municipal District of Opportunity.

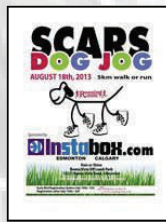
As an example of the type of front line volunteer work they do, we are sharing some photos of Paula bathing two oil covered dogs she helped during August 2013. SCARS was called to assist animal control in the rescue of these dogs that were discovered 65 km from the nearest town. Covered in oil, "Slickey" the female lab needed to be bathed several times. She had lost her babies to coyotes and was at the edge of starvation when rescued. As happy endings would have it, Slickey and her brother recovered and SCARS rehomed them together to a loving family.



Highlights of Past Events

Instabox Dog Jog for SCARS

A huge thank you to Instabox for raising over \$2,200 for SCARS at their first "Instabox 5K Fun Run/Walk for SCARS" on Sunday, August 18, 2013 at Buena Vista Off Leash Park in Edmonton. We also want to thank all the participants and volunteers, and the Running Room for the use of their online event registration site.



Sadie's Pet Stop Opening

SCARS would like to congratulate Sadie's on the grand opening of their newest Sadie's Pet Stop location at 11156 Eilerslie Road, Edmonton. We also want to thank Sadie's and their amazing staff for their ongoing support and for hosting a SCARS adoption event and fundraiser as part of the Sept. 7, 2013 grand opening event. Thank you also to the City of Edmonton Animal Care and Control who attended with a vehicle and personnel to answer questions about their services. As well, thank you to Save-On Foods for donating the use of their BBQ and tent, and to Sadie's for buying the hot dogs and drinks with

proceeds to SCARS. Between the BBQ and silent auction, they raised \$392 for SCARS.

Millcreek Nursery Fall Festival

Thank you to the Millcreek Nursery for raising \$880 for SCARS during their Fall Festival event on Saturday, September 21, 2013. Lauren Askin, pictured below with SCARS volunteer Christina Gillard, dropped off a cheque for \$70 during the event. She raised this money for SCARS by doing a lemonade stand during August 2013. Thank you, Lauren!



Look At Us Now

The SCARS website has a section called "Look At Us Now" which features happy ending stories about adopted animals that are provided by the families who adopt from SCARS. Here are two of those stories.



Abby—I have been in my forever home three years right now and things couldn't be better. My whole extended family love me so much. People always ask where I came from, I am such a beautiful and well behaved girl. That is when my family always regales about SCARS and what awesome dogs they have looking for homes. My family could talk about me endlessly plus my mom is always telling people what great people volunteer at SCARS and why she has loved them so much for so long. We all wish every dog in rescue could find loving, dedicated homes! Here is a picture of me buckled in, shades in place, top down ready to cruise, sooo much fun. — Abby, Linda, Ken, and my favs Breezy and Ben.



Buddy and Melody—We adopted these two "fur-ever" friends from SCARS. The first is Buddy and the second is Melody. We have had Buddy for about five months and Melody for about two months. They both love to come running, walking and hiking with us. They love kids, our neighbours and win the hearts of our friends and family. We would like to thank SCARS for giving Buddy and Melody a second chance for adoption because we are so happy to have these dogs as part of our family in their new "fur-ever" home. — Billy and Dana Hunter-Isenor

SCARS Fundraising

It's beginning to look a lot like

SCARS

Christmas Bazaar

Join in the festivities and start your Christmas shopping early!
All proceeds go directly to aid in the welfare and healthcare of our furry friends at Second Chance Animal Rescue Society

Sunday, November 17, 2013
 King's University College
 9125 - 50 Street, Edmonton, AB
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
www.scarscare.org

Santa Photos (for both children and pets)
 Shopping, including crafts and bake sale
 Adoption Event
 Raffle and many more surprises!

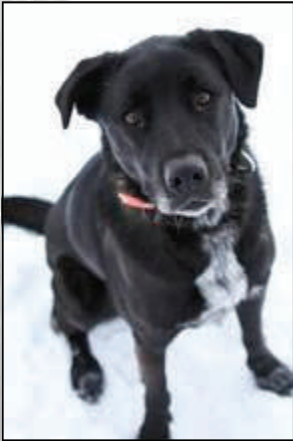
Our annual **SCARS Christmas Bazaar** will take place on November 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at King's University College gymnasium, 9125 - 50 Street, Edmonton. Join us in the festivities and start your Christmas shopping early. The **2014 SCARS Calendars** are now available. These popular and conveniently sized calendars are great stocking stuffers and a fantastic way to support the rescues at SCARS. Buy our calendars online or at participating vendors.

For more information, visit www.scarscare.org



Adorable and Adoptable

Here are a few examples of adoptable pets. To see more, visit www.scarscare.org. There are approximately 175 companion animals of all ages, types and sizes currently in our care. We are always looking for people who would like to adopt. The fee is only \$300 for dogs and \$150 for cats and it includes spay or neuter, first vaccinations and a microchip.



Miss Willow is a 2-year-old female mix breed



Book is a male, mixed breed that is less than a year old

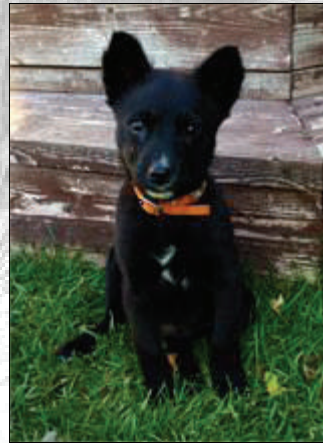


Blaze (left) & Freckles are from a litter of six that will available in early November



SCARS Needs Foster Homes!

Please consider fostering for SCARS. As a foster home, you will provide temporary care for an animal until we can find it a suitable permanent home. Becoming a foster home is easy and there is absolutely no cost or long-term obligation. Foster homes are vital to our success. Simply put, they save lives. Sadly, every day in Alberta there are hundreds of dogs waiting to be rescued. Our goal is to make the fostering experience as enjoyable as possible for you and your family.



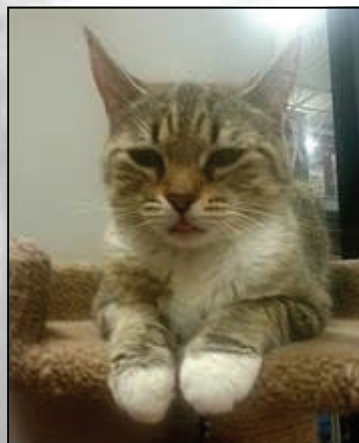
Bijoux is a 2-month-old female mixed breed



Squirt is a 7-year-old female Corgi/Keeshond mix



Iris is a female cat that is about a year old



Nina is a female cat that is about a year old



Rocky is an 8-yr-old male American Bulldog

Ask the Emergency Veterinarian

Discomfort Urinating May Indicate a Larger Problem in cats



By Dr. Tannis Baxter, DVM

Have you noticed your cat yowling while in the litter box, straining to pass urine, passing bloody urine, or urinating in unusual places like the kitchen sink or bathtub? These signs could be an indication of a feline urinary blockage. These occur when mucus, crystals or small bladder stones plug a cat's urethra, preventing normal passage of urine. This ailment can lead to a condition called feline lower urinary tract disease (FLUTD).

FLUTD causes extreme discomfort in your cat and can cause kidney damage or could interfere with your cat's normal heart function. In extreme cases, FLUTD can be life-threatening if left untreated, so be sure to visit your veterinarian if you notice your cat straining to urinate. Clinical treatment includes inserting a catheter into the cat's urethra to flush the blockage and clean out the bladder, removing any debris or buildup. This process can take anywhere from one to three days while the cat is given fluids to rehydrate, anesthesia to help with pain, and/or antibiotics to fight any infections that have developed. Once the cat returns home again, cat

owners are encouraged to closely monitor their pet to ensure the block doesn't reoccur. The cause of this condition is not known – experts think it may be a combination of factors including genetics, environment, and diet – but if treated promptly and properly, most cats make a full and healthy recovery.

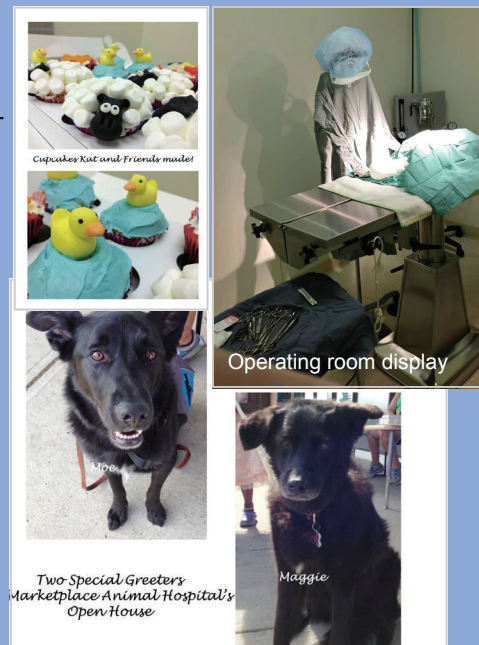
Guardian Veterinary Centre provides 24/7 emergency and referral-based specialty veterinary care. They can be reached at www.guardianvetcentre.com or 780-436-5880. They are located at 5620 - 99 Street NW in Edmonton.



Marketplace Animal Hospital Open House

Special thanks to Marketplace Animal Hospital for their generous donation of \$250 to SCARS! The hospital's third annual Open House was held on August 25, 2013 and, for the third time, these very caring people promoted SCARS. Each of the three years they have given us a donation to help with our ongoing work. The people who made this happen are:

- Kat, the Animal Technician, who organized the event, looked after getting raffle and door prizes, created amazing cupcakes and gave guided tours during the Open House.
- Dr. Kumar manned the barbeque, cooking tasty hot dogs for the hungry visitors. Other goodies were provided too!
- Ashton, the Technician's Assistant/Receptionist, helped to welcome people who dropped in and also showed them around.
- Wendy and Gavin helped out as well. Moe and Maggie, the 4-legged rescue buddies, attracted a lot of attention and loved every moment!
- Dr. Kumar, Kat and Ashton are strong supporters of SCARS and we sincerely appreciate their efforts on our behalf.



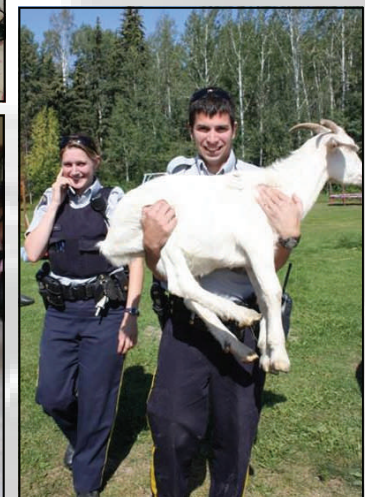
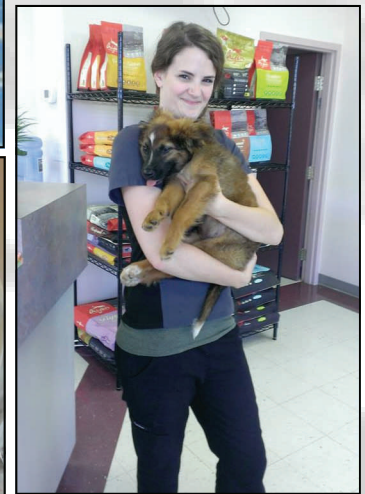
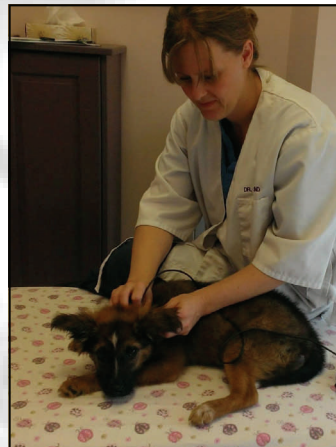
Rescue Story

During the first nine months of 2013, SCARS rescued 638 companion animals and found homes for 643. Here are some examples of animals that were recently saved from tremendous suffering. We often wonder who could be so cruel, but we take comfort in knowing there are so many caring people, like you, and that is why SCARS is able to exist. Visit www.scarscare.org for updates on these and other animals.

Beatrice's story—Bea came to SCARS on September 4, 2013. The little collie-cross pup was about 12 weeks old. The people who surrendered Bea said she hadn't been able to walk since birth. SCARS took her to see the specialists at Guardian Veterinary Centre and they believe she may have contracted a virus which caused some neurological problems. Right from the start, they were very optimistic that Bea would recover and could learn to walk. Bea received a treatment of antibiotics and she began treatments of acupuncture and water therapy. She started gaining weight and slowly improving.

She loves to play in the grass and with the leaves. She is a normal puppy in every other way but she has a hard time getting her legs to do what she wants them to do. Little Bea continues to amaze us with her spirit and tenacity and pure joy for life. Her fourth and fifth vertebra are slightly compressed and her hip sockets are quite shallow, but that could just be that she is young and still growing. Her acupuncture treatments are going great – the doctor has to use the laser machine instead of the needles because she is so frisky. We have found that her left side is stronger than her right so we are trying to help her build up more strength on the right side. Her latest accomplishments are that she can roll over on her back from side to side (people with young babies will appreciate the thrill and excitement in this), and at times, when supported, she has supported almost her full weight for brief periods of time. Her foster mom bought her a life jacket because it encloses her body and keeps her stable. It also has a handle on top so that her foster mom can help as she practices standing and walking. There is still a ways to go, but we believe Bea has a bright future ahead of her. We are grateful to everyone who is donating to her treatments and ongoing medical needs. As of October 9, Bea is not yet available for adoption.

A goat rescue—SCARS occasionally gets called to assist animal control and the RCMP with an animal in distress. During August 2013, SCARS and the Desmarais RCMP were called to assist with the rescue of an abandoned and injured goat. Thanks to combined efforts, the goat received vet care and was rehomed to a hobby farm home near Edmonton. Despite efforts, including media articles, the owner was never located.



What We Do and How to Help

Second Chance Animal Rescue Society (SCARS) is a non-profit, registered charitable organization dedicated to reducing the number of homeless animals in Northern Alberta, Canada. Since 2002, SCARS has rescued, rehabilitated and rehomed thousands of companion animals.

Our mission is to promote the humane care and protection of all animals and to prevent cruelty and suffering. We believe there is a suitable home for all homeless animals: young or old; large or small. We provide veterinary care and foster homes until permanent homes are found. Our foster homes provide the animals with warm shelter, food, exercise and tender loving care—something that so many of these animals have never experienced. We also promote responsible pet ownership, the importance of spaying and neutering, and community awareness. We rely solely on money raised through memberships, donations, grants, sponsorships and other fundraising efforts. Because we have no paid staff and use private homes for fostering, we can only take in as many animals as our resources will allow. Here are some ways you can help:

Donate or sponsor—our veterinary expenses are enormous. Please consider donating to our rescue efforts. We issue tax receipts for all donations of \$20 or more.

Foster an animal—we rely on our volunteer foster homes to provide temporary care until we can find suitable permanent homes. There is no cost to becoming a foster home. We will provide everything you need.

Volunteer—we need help with fundraising, adoption events, animal care and transportation, and our daily operations. As a volunteer, you will become an integral part of a team that saves animals' lives.

Adopt an animal—provide a needy animal with a loving, permanent home. To see pictures of adoptable animals, visit www.scarscare.org.

Share the message—ask your family and friends to spay/neuter, microchip and vaccinate their pets. And remind them that all pets need food, water, shelter, healthcare, exercise, love and attention.

Buy our merchandise—purchase SCARS calendars, clothing, totes, leashes, lunch bags, or one of our “Gifts from the Heart” certificates. Visit our website for more information.

Please watch us on Global TV Edmonton every Saturday morning at 9:50 a.m., subscribe to our e-Newsletter at www.scarscare.org, and follow us on Facebook and Twitter. We welcome feedback or suggestions for this newsletter, please contact:

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